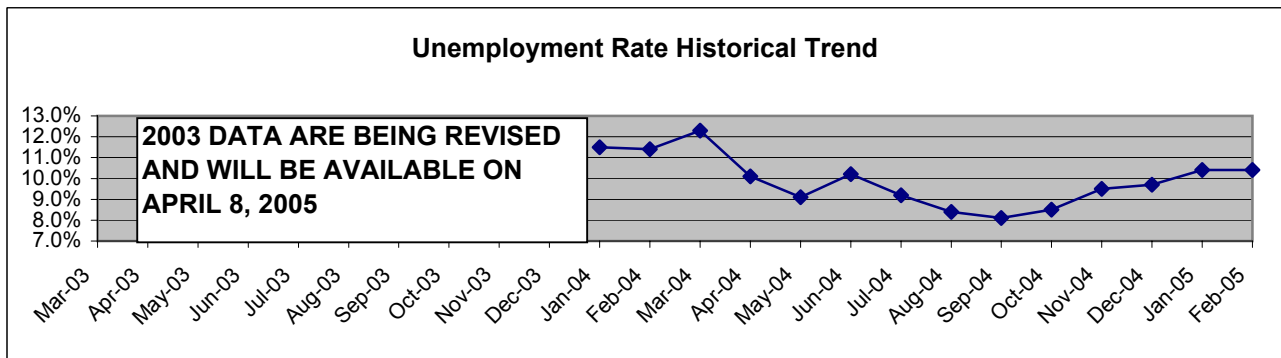


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 10.4 percent in February 2005, stable from the revised rate for January 2005, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.1 percent for California and 5.8 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Month to month changes			Year to year changes		
	Jan-2005	Feb-2005	Change	Feb-2004	Feb-2005	Change
Total Jobs	242,800	241,500	(1,300)	239,100	241,500	2,400
Farm Jobs	31,700	29,900	(1,800)	32,900	29,900	(3,000)
Nonfarm Jobs	211,100	211,600	500	206,200	211,600	5,400
Natural Resources and Mining	8,200	8,200	0	8,100	8,200	100
Construction	15,000	14,800	(200)	14,100	14,800	700
Manufacturing	12,400	12,300	(100)	12,500	12,300	(200)
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	41,000	40,700	(300)	38,900	40,700	1,800
Information	2,600	2,700	100	2,500	2,700	200
Financial Activities	8,500	8,500	0	8,400	8,500	100
Professional and Business Services	21,000	21,600	600	21,500	21,600	100
Educational and Health Services	21,900	22,100	200	21,200	22,100	900
Leisure and Hospitality	18,500	18,700	200	18,100	18,700	600
Other Services	6,900	6,900	0	6,900	6,900	0
Government	55,100	55,100	0	54,000	55,100	1,100

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality

Data may not add due to rounding

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**Bakersfield MSA**  
**Kern County**  
Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2004 Benchmark

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonality

	Feb 04	Dec 04	Jan 05 Revised	Feb 05 Prelim.	Percent Change Month Year	
Civilian Labor Force (1)	314,900	315,100	316,700	317,100	0.1%	0.7%
Civilian Employment	278,900	284,500	283,800	284,000	0.1%	1.8%
Civilian Unemployment	36,000	30,600	32,900	33,100	0.6%	-8.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	11.4%	9.7%	10.4%	10.4%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	6.7%	5.7%	6.3%	6.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	6.0%	5.1%	5.7%	5.8%		
Total, All Industries (2)	239,100	245,100	242,800	241,500	-0.5%	1.0%
Total Farm	32,900	31,200	31,700	29,900	-5.7%	-9.1%
Total Nonfarm	206,200	213,900	211,100	211,600	0.2%	2.6%
Total Private	152,200	158,600	156,000	156,500	0.3%	2.8%
Goods Producing	34,700	36,000	35,600	35,300	-0.8%	1.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	8,100	8,200	8,200	8,200	0.0%	1.2%
Residual-Mining, except Oil and Gas	900	1,000	1,000	900	-10.0%	0.0%
Residual-Oil and Gas Extraction, Well Drilling a	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,300	1.4%	1.4%
Construction	14,100	15,400	15,000	14,800	-1.3%	5.0%
Manufacturing	12,500	12,400	12,400	12,300	-0.8%	-1.6%
Durable Goods	5,600	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.0%	-3.6%
Nondurable Goods	6,900	7,000	7,000	6,900	-1.4%	0.0%
Food Manufacturing	4,500	4,600	4,600	4,500	-2.2%	0.0%
Residual-Beverage and Tobacco Product Mfg	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
Service Providing	171,500	177,900	175,500	176,300	0.5%	2.8%
Private Service Producing	117,500	122,600	120,400	121,200	0.7%	3.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	38,900	42,300	41,000	40,700	-0.7%	4.6%
Wholesale Trade	6,200	6,300	6,300	6,300	0.0%	1.6%
Retail Trade	24,500	26,900	25,800	25,500	-1.2%	4.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	5,100	5,200	5,200	5,100	-1.9%	0.0%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	1,400	1,700	1,500	1,400	-6.7%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	4,400	5,500	4,900	4,700	-4.1%	6.8%
Department Stores	3,500	4,400	3,900	3,700	-5.1%	5.7%
Other General Merchandise Stores	900	1,100	1,000	1,000	0.0%	11.1%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	13,600	14,500	14,200	14,300	0.7%	5.1%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	8,200	9,100	8,900	8,900	0.0%	8.5%
Information	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,700	3.8%	8.0%
Financial Activities	8,400	8,700	8,500	8,500	0.0%	1.2%
Finance and Insurance	5,300	5,500	5,400	5,400	0.0%	1.9%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3,100	3,200	3,100	3,100	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	21,500	21,400	21,000	21,600	2.9%	0.5%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	9,300	8,800	9,000	9,300	3.3%	0.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	-4.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	9,800	10,300	9,700	10,000	3.1%	2.0%
Employment Services	4,000	4,200	3,500	3,800	8.6%	-5.0%
Residual-Waste Management and Remediation	5,800	6,100	6,200	6,200	0.0%	6.9%
Educational and Health Services	21,200	22,000	21,900	22,100	0.9%	4.2%
Educational Services	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,600	6.7%	0.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	19,600	20,400	20,400	20,500	0.5%	4.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	9,100	9,300	9,200	9,300	1.1%	2.2%
Hospitals	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	0.0%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	3,200	3,400	3,400	3,400	0.0%	6.3%
Social Assistance	2,500	2,900	3,000	3,000	0.0%	20.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	18,100	18,900	18,500	18,700	1.1%	3.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
Accommodation and Food Service	16,200	16,900	16,600	16,800	1.2%	3.7%
Accommodation	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,900	5.6%	5.6%
Food Services and Drinking Places	14,400	15,100	14,800	14,900	0.7%	3.5%
Limited-Service Eating Places	8,300	8,600	8,500	8,600	1.2%	3.6%

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Residual-Full-Service Restaurants	6,100	6,500	6,300	6,300	0.0%	3.3%
Other Services	6,900	6,700	6,900	6,900	0.0%	0.0%
Government	54,000	55,300	55,100	55,100	0.0%	2.0%
Federal Government	9,500	9,300	9,300	9,300	0.0%	-2.1%
Department of Defense	6,300	6,200	6,200	6,200	0.0%	-1.6%
Other Federal Government	3,200	3,100	3,100	3,100	0.0%	-3.1%
State and Local Government	44,500	46,000	45,800	45,800	0.0%	2.9%
State Government	7,300	7,300	7,200	7,300	1.4%	0.0%
State Government Education	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,300	8.3%	0.0%
Other State Government	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	37,200	38,700	38,600	38,500	-0.3%	3.5%
Local Government Education	24,300	25,900	25,400	25,400	0.0%	4.5%
County	8,600	8,800	8,800	8,700	-1.1%	1.2%
City	2,100	2,200	2,300	2,300	0.0%	9.5%
Other Local Government	2,200	1,800	2,100	2,100	0.0%	-4.5%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

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